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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising:
(a) SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13; or
(b) a nucleic acid sequence having at least 95% identity
with an antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9 are pending in the instant application.
Claims 1, 3-6 and 9 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been
amended. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. No new
matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is
respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the
following remarks.

III. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1(b), 3-6 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
102(b) as being anticipated by Kato et al. (1983). Arguments
presented by Applicants in the previous response with respect to
the Kato gene only having 92% identity and the instant